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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 BRIAN JESUS ZAZUETA and
15 JESUS MANUEL ARMENTA-
16 HIGUERA,

17 Defendants.

2:23-CR-36-TOR

INDICTMENT

Vio.: 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(A)(vi),
Possession with Intent to
Distribute of 400 Grams or
More of Fentanyl
(Count 1)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(A)(viii),
Possession with Intent to
Distribute of 50 Grams or
More of Actual (Pure)
Methamphetamine
(Count 2)

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
(b)(1)(B)(i),
Possession with Intent to
Distribute of 100 Grams or
More of Heroin
(Count 3)

21 U.S.C. § 853
Forfeiture Allegations

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

On or about March 9, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendants, BRIAN JESUS ZAZUETA, and JESUS MANUEL ARMENTA-HIGUERA, knowingly possessed with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidiny] propanamide (a/k/a fentanyl), a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi).

COUNT 2

On or about March 9, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendants, BRIAN JESUS ZAZUETA, and JESUS MANUEL ARMENTA-HIGUERA, knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of actual (pure) methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(viii).

COUNT 3

On or about March 9, 2023, in the Eastern District of Washington, the Defendants, BRIAN JESUS ZAZUETA, and JESUS MANUEL ARMENTA-HIGUERA, knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute 100 grams or more of

1 heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),
2 (b)(1)(B)(i).
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4 NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

5 The allegations contained in this Indictment are hereby realleged and
6 incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures.
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8 Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, upon conviction of an offense in violation of 21
9 U.S.C. § 841, as set forth in this Indictment, Defendants, BRIAN JESUS ZAZUETA,
10 and JESUS MANUEL ARMENTA-HIGUERA, shall forfeit to the United States of
11 America, any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly
12 or indirectly, as the result of such offense and any property used or intended to be
13 used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense,
14 including, but not limited to:
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18 - \$5,823.00 U.S. currency

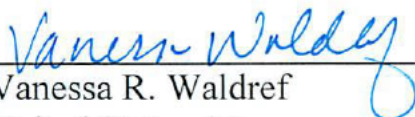
19 If any forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the Defendant:

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21 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
22 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
23 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
24 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
25 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided
26 without difficulty,
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1 the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property
2 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).
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4 DATED this 21 day of March 2023.

5 A TRUE BILL
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